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THREE-FOURTHS OF CRIMSON-CLOVER SEED CROP REPORTED SOLD BY GROWERS BY MID-JULY

Movement of crimson-clover seed from farms has been slightly slower this year than usual and slower than last year, the Eureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. It is estimated that 74 percent of the commercial crop of this seed was sold by growers by July 15, compared with 85 percent last year and the 1941-45 mid-July average of 76 percent.

Mid-July prices to growers were the highest on record. They averaged \$17.20 per 100 pounds for clean seed, compared with \$16.95 last year and the 5-year average of \$11.96.

Quality of the seed this year is good. It is better than that of last year, when the quality was fairly good.

Imports of crimson-clover seed during the year ended June 30, 1947 were 283,100 pounds (all from Italy). None of this seed was imported between July 1, 1940 and January 31, 1947.

WHITE-CLOVER SEED CROP MOVING SLOWLY IN SOUTH

White-clover seed movement from farms in Louisiana and Mississippi this year has been very slow. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates that 20 percent of the commercial crop in these States was sold by growers by July 15, compared with 80 percent last year and the 1941-45 mid-July average of 71 percent.

Prices to growers for white-clover seed were the lowest in seven years. They averaged \$40 per 100 pounds for clean seed, compared with \$75 (record for July 15) last year and the 5-year average of \$54.58.

During the year ended June 30, 1947 the Commodity Credit Corporation purchased chiefly for export 3,000 pounds of white-clover seed, compared with 371,995 pounds during the preceding year and 437,252 pounds two years ago.

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